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WASHINGTON EMBASSY REPORTS RE EVENTS IN CUBA

November 14: Foreign news has recently been largely restricted to messages of sympathy and support for Cuba, with emphasis on the five points. Though mention has been made of United States insistence on removal of bombers and ground inspection in Cuba, the public have not been given any indication that these are major issues in current crisis. The removal of missiles was played down in a similar way. Cuban publicity is doing its best to give the impression that the issue is between American aggressiveness and the five points.

Apart from two passing digs at imperialist arms deliveries there has still been no mention whatever of the fighting between India and China. This therefore seems a good moment for Voice of America to carry news of this war under the heading "Imperialist Chinese Aggression".

November 15: [] for ign diplomats are cut off, even from their usual reliable Cuban contacts, and have to rely almost entirely on rumors and speculation. [] feels the Cuban plans are very closely held and that Castro is relying on a very few people around him.

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